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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: BERLIN-ZURICH SERVICE

REF: A. USBERLIN 413; B. STATE 33005

1. ON FEBRUARY 9, SEVERAL BERLIN NEWSPAPERS CARRIED DPA REPORT OF MAYOR LUEDER'S ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE ZURICH SERVICE (REF A) INCLUDING OBSERVATION THAT THE STILL OUTSTANDING APPROVAL OF THE ALLIED CIVIL AIR ATTACHES WAS EXPECTED SHORTLY. ACCORDING TO DIE WELT, THE WESTERN AUTHORITIES IN BONN COMPETENT FOR BERLIN AIR SERVICES WERE "INDIGNANT" OVER LUEDER'S REMARKS BECAUSE HE HAD NOT ONLY OVERSTEPPED HIS AUTHORITY BUT ALSO HAD ANNOUNCED SOMETHING WHICH THE COMPETENT AIR ATTACHES HAD NOT YET OFFICIALLY DECIDED ON. DIE WELT ALSO NOTED THAT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY HAD SAID "LUEDER KNOWS MORE THAN THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES."

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2. IN RESPONSE THIS CRITICISM LUEDER SAID "I SAID CLEARLY THAT THE CIVIL AIR ATTACHES MUST FORMALLY APPROVE." LUEDER ADDED THAT HAVING BEEN AWARE OF THE PRELIMINARY NEGOTIATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS OF THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT HE MADE WAS RESPONSIBLE.

3. AT REGULAR MEETING WITH SENAT CHANCELLERY
FEB 9, CHAIRMAN (US) LIAISON OFFICER PASSED ON NEWS
OF BA-PAN AM ACCORD. CHANCELLERY OFFICIAL (SOEDER,
SPD, STANDING IN FOR KUNZE) ASKED CHAIRMAN (US)
LIAISON OFFICER WHETHER THERE WAS TRUTH TO PRESS
REPORTS THAT ALLIES HAD CRITICIZED LUEDER. US
LIAISON OFFICER SAID HE WAS UNAWARE OF SUCH CRITICISM.
BRITISH AND FRENCH LIAISON OFFICERS, WHO WERE
PRESENT AT MEETING, SAID NOTHING. SOEDER ASKED
HOW LUEDER HAD COME BY HIS INFORMATION, AND US
LIAISON OFFICER REPLIED HE UNDERSTOOD LUEDER HAD BEEN
INFORMED BY PAN AM. US LIAISON OFFICER ADDED FOR
BENEFIT OF SOEDER AND FELLOW LIAISON OFFICERS THAT
HE SAW NOTHING WRONG WITH LUEDER'S STATEMENT,
PARTICULARLY SINCE MAYOR LUEDER HAD MADE IT CLEAR
THAT ALLIED APPROVAL WAS YET TO COME. (COMMENT:
SOEDER, AS CHANCELLERY OFFICIAL, PRESUMABLY FELT
THAT CHANCELLERY SHOULD HAVE BEEN INFORMED FIRST
ABOUT PAN AM/BA AGREEMENT AND HE OBVIOUSLY WAS
HOPING TO HAVE PLEASURE OF PASSING ALLIED CENSURE
ALONG TO LUEDER. END COMMENT.)

4. SOEDER ASKED WHETHER ALLIED APPROVAL FOR ZURICH
SERVICE WOULD NOW BE FORTHCOMING. US LIAISON
OFFICER REPLIED THAT SINCE IT WAS CIVIAL AIR
ATTACHES' STIPULATION THAT PAN AM AND BA HAD TO
REACH AGREEMENT ON ZURICH SERVICE, HE ASSUMED
ATTACHES WOULD NOW APPROVE PAN AM APPLICATION. GEORGE
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